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SUBJECT: MAP AND MASF-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT FROM CAMBODIA
AND VIET-NAM

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1. IN SORTING OUT THE LEGAL PROBLEMS WE FACE IN DETER-
MINING THE DISPOSITION OF MAP AND MASF-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT
FROM CAMBODIA AND VIET-NAM, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE
MISSION COULD PROVIDE US WITH A LIST OF THOSE ITEMS WHICH
THE THAI MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE AND/OR MIGHT WANT.

2. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH SUCH A LIST, DIFFERENTIATING
BETWEEN EX-CAMBODIAN MAP AND EX-VIETNAMESE MASF. PLEASE
ALSO INDICATE SOME ORDER OF PRIORITY, I.E., THOSE ITEMS OR
GROUPS OF ITEMS WHICH YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE MINIMUM
REQUIRED TO MEET LEGITIMATE THAI EXPECTATIONS, PLUS THOSE
OTHER ITEMS OR GROUPS OF ITEMS WHICH IT WOULD BE NICE TO BE

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ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE THAI PROVIDED THERE ARE NO

OTHER MORE PRESSING REQUIREMENTS ELSEWHERE. IN ORDER TO
AVOID RAISING ULTIMATELY UNREQUITED HOPES, DO NOT RPT NOT
CONSULT THE THAI WHEN PREPARING THE LIST.

3. FYI: THE APRIL 30 NEW YORK TIMES QUOTES A THAI FOREIGN

MINISTRY SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AT
UTAPAO HAD BEEN ASKED TO TURN OVER FORMER VIETNAMESE
AIRCRAFT TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD RETURN THEM TO
"THE NEW SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT." FBIS 01 OF
APRIL 30 RUNS A STORY FROM THE APRIL 30 NATION QUOTING
A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ON THE ARRIVAL OF AIRCRAFT
FROM VIET-NAM BUT DOES NOT HAVE A REFERENCE TO RETURNING
THE PLANES. WE ASSUME THAT YOU WILL CALL TO THE ATTEN-
TION OF APPROPRIATE THAI OFFICIALS THE FACT THAT THE SAME
REVERSIONARY RIGHTS THAT WE HAVE OVER EX-CAMBODIAN EQUIP-
MENT ALSO APPLY TO FORMER VIETNAMESE ITEMS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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